26th, Dresden:

Ah! there you are, Metternich! Welcome! But if you wanted peace why didn't you come to see me sooner ? We have already lost a month, and your mediation is so tardy that it looks hostile.

So it's war you want! You shall have it; I give you rendezvous in Vienna!

I win two victories, my defeated enemies are just realizing their situation, and all of a sudden you slip into our midst, offering me an armistice, mediation, offering them your alliance, complicating everything. Without your pernicious intervention peace would have been signed by now between me and the allies. You must admit that from the moment Austria assumed the position of mediator you were no longer on my side, no longer impartial, but my enemy.

To-day your 200,000 men are ready, over there, behind the screen of the Bohemian mountains. And because you think you are in a position to dictate terms, you now approach me. Very well, let us negotiate, I consent. What is it you want ?

.(Metternich: It rests with Your Majesty to give the world peace.)

My honour first, and then peace. You cannot know what passes through a soldier's mind. A man like me does not count the lives of a million of men, I have offered you Illyria for your neutrality, does that suit you? Your neutrality is all I ask for.

(Metternich: Ah, sire, we cannot remain neutral any longer; we must be for you, or against you.)

If it costs me my throne, I will bury the world under its ruins!